

A City Ordinance

March 3, the city council enacted a drastic ordinance "regulating the handling and storage of gasoline." March 4, and again March 6, the ordinance was officially published. March 6, in the city jail horror, 16 men were killed and 19 dangerously burned when gasoline exploded and took fire. Let us examine the ordinance and see in what particulars it may have been violated in this case.

Sections 1 and 2 require a permit for having more than five gallons of gasoline on premises.

Section 3 requires that the fire marshal shall investigate and report.

Section 4 provides that the city council may issue a permit when satisfied that there is no danger of fire or injury to life or property.

Section 7 reads:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to strike a match, or have any artificial light, other than electricity, or to have any fire, in any room, shed, or place, where any of the aforesaid substances are then kept."

Section 8 reads:

No person, firm or corporation, shall have or keep on any premises or in any room, shed or place in the city of El Paso, five gallons or less of any of the substances above mentioned, unless the same shall be kept in a metal container of a self-closing, approved kind.

Section 9 establishes elaborate rules for tank storage.

Section 12 makes it unlawful to use open containers to transfer gasoline.

Section 14 reads:

No gasoline or other volatile shall be kept in any building except when stored or handled in self-closing safety containers or in portable filling tanks.

Section 16 recites that there is no sufficient ordinance regulating the handling and storage of gasoline, "and the danger to life and property resulting from such lack is great and increasing, therefore a case of great public emergency exists," requiring suspension of the rules and immediate enactment of the new ordinance.

That was March 3.

Three days later, in the city jail horror, 16 men were killed and 19 dangerously burned when gasoline exploded and took fire.

The great war will probably stop long before it is finished—that is, before any belligerent has obtained what he started after.

It may sometimes happen that one time is better than another to insist upon technical rights.

The Gypsy Caravans

Gypsy life and gypsy stories flash out every little while in the more or less dusty annals of the day. The gypsy has never been incorporated in our idea of civilization; he still prefers the freer life, the wandering way, the rags and tags and bright colors and heavy jewelry that his father and mother preferred.

City life, city beds, city food, and city clothes do not appeal to him. He'd rather be a gypsy free as wind. But he roves from city to city and occasionally has troubles with the police, or some of his old tribal troubles bring him before the police, and the city folk read that there are gypsies in town.

Hartford, Connecticut, and Chicago have been telegraphing about an old gypsy and his wife and daughter whose gypsy husband, now in Chicago, kidnapped her at her sister's wedding, and has been wandering with her for several years, finally mistreating her so that her parents in turn kidnapped her from her husband, who then went to the police, and the two cities became aware that gypsies, real, wandering, scarlet capped gypsies were in town.

The world will pay any price for a good laugh. Charlie Chaplin's huge salary, \$520,000 a year, will be paid by a tax of five, ten, or 15 cents a head on almost everybody in the United States old enough or young enough to get to the movies. Billie Burke's cooing smile brings her in more money than ten highly paid men get for from eight to 16 hours work a day.

A bit of picturesque fibbing is relished now and then. Up north they say in the maple sugar camps, which ought to be getting their fullest buckets of maple juice these days, the work is much hindered by the honey bees which bite mild weather has called out long before bee flying time, and smelling the sweet sap they bother the pails and delay the harvesting of the wherewithal to excuse next winter's hot buckwheat cakes.

This weather tempts one to take them off, but the calendar says it is way too early and a certain amount of mental searwing takes place every morning early when one puts the first foot out of bed.

It is almost time for the fence posts to come up out of snow along the New England roadsides.

The voting in congress was nonpartisan enough to suit most anybody.

Our National Air

There are yet people who are hazy as to what our national air is, although such hazy mindedness shows lazy patriotism. But they will stand half way up and then sit down when "America" is being played, and never recognize the "Star Spangled Banner." The Star Spangled Banner however is the official national anthem. The army, navy, marine corps, and diplomatic corps use it and it is used for all state and patriotic occasions at home and abroad. It is the air which should bring every one to his feet until the last blast of trumpets finishes its strains.

The army bands generally conclude their concert with it, the men playing standing, and every officer and soldier within hearing stands at attention until the air is completed.

The Star Spangled Banner should never be played in medleys or broken phrases, or on occasions not in keeping with its ceremonial dignity.

Judge Ben Lindsey, backed by Henry Ford, is fighting for a chance to get milk over to the starving babies of Europe. He reports that there are cities in Poland of 20,000 population and over, where not a child under three years old has survived the deprivations caused by war.

That was a finely courageous thing for alderman O'Connor to do when he absolved the police department from all blame and declared that the work was being done by the health department under instructions from the sanitary committee of the council of which he is chairman. He is one man whose first thought was not to dodge responsibility.

The most sensational thing Germany could do on the sea right now would be to ship out a lot of ships to prey on Atlantic commerce.

It appears that Germany is not in position to help the Turks repel the Russian invasion. Russia is making rapid headway in Armenia.

But the vote in congress does not excuse any American from responsibility for possible national involvement if he sails on an armed belligerent ship. He ought to take to heart what Mann said about fools and joyrides.

El Paso is a natural metropolis—all roads lead to El Paso.

Mrs. Wilson As A Model

New York milliners and modistes are hoping Mrs. Wilson will be reelected if the president isn't. Fashion makers say that the hope of fashions rests with the president's wife. She is still young enough, good looking enough, and has money enough to lead fashion, and there is no other woman before the world today to take the lead.

With Europe saddened and economical with war, queens and princesses are thinking more of nurse's uniforms than of silks and feathers and clicking heels. If the war should end, if the king of England should die and if the prince of Wales should marry a good looking, immensely wealthy girl, Mrs. Wilson might have a rival; as it is she is head and shoulders ahead of every other possible candidate for queen of fashion.

Germany is suffering tremendous losses in the attack on Verdun, with no compensating advantage that the military experts can figure out. The question is asked, When will Germany reach a point where she can not afford to lose 100,000 or 150,000 men in trying to smash the allied lines? Is the present act of desperation or of supreme confidence? Are troops being stripped from the other fronts to reinforce this attack?

Lots of folk can appreciate the wit of Dryden's couplet.

Thou like the hindmost chariot wheel, art curst; Still to be near, yet never to be first. Some vice presidents, some social climbers, some lovers, merchants, poets, painters and all sorts of men and women who look on, are like the hind wheel of a chariot.

It is a poor rule that won't work twisted, and "Never say a disagreeable thing today that can be put off until tomorrow" might help the world along as much as the original stirring sentence.

Jean Croves has proved that the safest hiding place for a criminal is a crowd, but the baffled police hope that he will also prove that the weakest spot in a criminal's armor is his vanity.

La Follette's hat is in the ring. He is not hemming and hawing about whom he thinks the best man for the next president.

It is not always the really big or vital differences that brings on war.

Short Snatches From Everywhere.

The path of glory lead but to The Hague.—Boston Transcript.

Might does not make right, nor does right make might.—New York Sun.

A submarine may be out of sight and yet not out of mind.—Washington Post.

A man is acting a little when he begins to point with pride to a good night's sleep.—Athenian Globe.

Crushing Germany seems to be about as painful as squeezing a porcupine.—Charleston News and Courier.

If a book of instructions came with some babies, perhaps they would be better raised.—Los Angeles Tribune.

Sometimes a public man thinks he has touched a popular chord when he has only aroused the cranks.—Nashville Banner.

We have a mighty good navy—what there is of it; and there is plenty more where it came from.—Indianapolis News.

The German activity in France may be through fear that the grand duke Nicholas will appear there next.—Boston Herald.

Pressing invitations to return to New York have been sent J. P. Morgan, but nobody wants baron Astor back.—Boston Advertiser.

Ex-secretary Garrison has refrained from saying anything that would cause Mr. Bryan to welcome him as a co-worker.—Washington Star.

From recent utterances it is plain that the diets of Alsace and Lorraine continue to agree with the German constitution.—Baltimore Sun.

Mrs. Wilson has sold the house in which she married the president. Evidently she expects to remain at the white house for some little time yet.—Wichita Eagle.

Occasionally we catch the refreshing smell of the upturned earth. And in anticipation, we can almost catch the aroma of bruised tomato vines.—Sparta Ishmaelite.

Like the much-behought young woman who married a suitor to get rid of him Justice Hughes may finally decide to accept that nomination for president.—Chicago News.

Trouble with this key-note thing is that there are too many key-note things, and the confused singers produce something that sounds more like a riot than one grand sweet song.—Chicago Daily News.

Caruso says that Farrar handles him too roughly in a scene in Carmen and he has raised a row about it. Think of a big artist like Caruso complaining of a woman's horse play!—Montgomery Advertiser.

"What is a package?" asks the Washington Star. Well, it depends on the capacity of the individual. Sometimes it is 18 beers, and sometimes it is a pint and a half of high proof whisky.—New Orleans States.

Mud Is a Combination Of Water and Despair
Is Often Thrown On Pillars Of the Church

By HOWARD L. RANN.

MUD is a combination of water, mud, wax, gum-arabic and despair that was originally imported from the bottomless pit. It is spread thickly over the face of nature in the spring and fall of the year, and prevents the speed mania from committing suicide by leaping the look through a barbed wire fence. It also has another noble mission, as people who are afflicted with internal rheumatism would rather bathe in it than to their eyeballs than sink languorously into the arms of a porcelain tub. Thousands of people who have never felt the deft, appealing touch of acetic rheumatism, however, are obliged to take mud baths several times a year with all their clothes on.

Mud is caused by rain falling on the earth for four days and nights and refusing to run off. For some reason, mud always prefers to teeter in the middle of the public highway, where it can clasp an approaching automobile to its breast or a car wheel, instead of sliding off the highway to a depth of nine feet and causing

the restless tourist to breathe sulphur and brimstone on the evening air.



People take mud baths several times a year with all their clothes on.

The most deadly form of mud found on this continent is the yellow clay variety, which is harder to remove from a pair of cream-colored pants than a waif of gum which has been thoughtlessly sat upon. It is mournful to think of the number of children who have left home in lavender panties and a top buggy, to come some fate sudden at her home 12 miles from the town clock, only to sink up to the horse's hip in damp, penetrating yellow mud and have to be very cleaned before being admitted to the parlor.

Mud slinging is the gentlest art of making a pillar of the church who is running for office look like somebody who would rob the baby's bank on Christmas Eve. If a woman who thinks she has married an alchemist will allow him to run for office, she will find him to be a very different person. Mud slinging is a four-time bigamist who forces checks for a living. This is mud slinging reduced to an exact science.

If mud doesn't strike any deeper than the clothes, it can be put up with. Protected by the Adams Newspaper Service.

The Daily Novelette

LONGEVITY.

While I am no gloom apostle, Here to tell of oysters' few, I must own they seldom justify, In an ordinary stew.

THE vast crowded hall was in rapt silence. The drop of a pin could have been heard, but nobody dropped one.

"And so, ladies and gentlemen," concluded the famous Professor Spimmar, "I will conclude my lecture on longevity by summing up the seven essential rules. First, eleven quarts of buttermilk should be consumed daily; second the skins of potatoes and of all fruit except the potato; and third, a dash of paprika and a pint of blue-wetting ink should be mixed with your bath water twice a day; sixth, socks must never on any account be worn in the house; twelfth, all bread ought to be at least two weeks old, and seventeenth, you should eat with your knife as much as possible. I myself have observed these rules religiously and by their aid I confidently expect to reach the age of one hundred."

Amidst tumultuous applause and some handclapping, Professor Spimmar descended from the platform, left the lecture room, and while putting

Kerosene and Vinegar Only Will Kill Lice
Boston Missionary Expected To See Wild West

TYPHUS fever is transmitted by body and head lice," said Dr. George B. Calnan. "The most effective way of stopping the spread of this disease has been found to be the extermination of body and head lice. Soap and water do not kill the lice, neither does it kill the eggs, which the lice deposit in the skin and hair. Kerosene kills the lice and vinegar kills the eggs, so that is the reason why this solution is used by the health authorities of both our own federal government and European governments in fighting typhus."

"I expected more excitement in El Paso. I thought there would be a lot of drunk men and carousing, but instead, I find a quiet and orderly place," said Fred R. Fisher of Boston. "I didn't find any battling along the frontier, and I didn't find any drunk men. I also thought there would be a whole lot of animus against the Mexicans, but there is none of that spirit. Then I went to Juarez to find out what it was on his coat in the hallway, inadvertently stepped into an armhole and tripped out of a low open window eleven stories above the street."

meant. Feeling that if I could not get at the bottom here I'd get at it over there. I did. I found an great difference as if I had stepped from America into India. I found lots of orderliness over there, but of a different kind. They are a century behind the time. I figure it out that like the people of India these Mexicans are a child race and that their chief lack is that of leaders. I know if there were a few big men they could not be all the misery and bloodshed that I hear has occurred beyond the river."

"All children should be taught to plant, love and care for trees," said Mrs. A. W. Foster, chairman of the civic department of the Woman's club. "If they could be sufficiently impressed with the love of trees they would help them to grow vigorous and beautiful by realizing that trees once disfigured never outgrow. Children should be taught never to wantonly cut or bend young trees or to injure their bark. Much of this school teachers attempt to instill into the children's minds, but this should be supplemented by home instruction."

"It may be that we will have to wait for woman suffrage," said S. H. Kirkbride, "but I do believe that the day is coming when one of our chief issues to be voted upon in a great national election will be whether or not the Bible is to be taught in the public schools; and I think we will register an overwhelming vote that it shall be taught, where it is now refused entrance."

"If the people of the city could only be impressed with the importance of not running over fire hose the work of

the department would be lessened to a great degree," said fire marshal Will Hord. "There were no less than eight violations of this particular ordinance during the fire at the El Paso plant last Saturday night, and it seems peculiar that motorists of the city will not take more care in guiding their machines. Also for the past two months the department has been troubled a great deal with false alarms, and if anybody caught doing this, they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"As usual, the families come in for the greatest share of grief when a tragedy of the order of the one at the city jail occurs," said H. A. Johnson. "All of Monday night and Tuesday there were a number of Mexican women and men of the lower class, sitting in the vicinity of the city jail for news of relatives who were known to have been serving sentences. The majority of the injured men, however, were not El Pasoans, as those already tried on petty offenses were at work on the chain gang, and they thanked their stars when they learned of their escape."

"Nothing interests me so much in evolution," said H. B. Stone, "as the automobile dog. He is a wonder. I don't mean the dog that sits on the back seat or crawls up in a woman's lap. I mean the dogs that ride on the dash board and the dogs that sit on the fenders and balance themselves and know how to take corners and bumps and enjoy it. No longer do they trail behind, panting with their tongues out and their fine old hearts beating ten times faster than they should—but they ride like the gentlemen dogs that they are. I like those dainty auto dogs. And if I ever own a Ford I'm going to have a spotter or a setter to go along as a mascot."

LETTERS TO THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

PROTESTS AT NEUTRAL ZONE.

Editor El Paso Herald:

It looks as if the city authorities have made up their mind to tolerate a "neutral zone" in Chihuahuita, where immoral women can locate their residence and carry out their trade unmolested, regardless of the petitions signed by a good number of heads of families living in the portion of the city intended for said "neutral zone," and regardless also of resolutions passed by 22 Mexican organizations and some of the American churches, asking the mayor and city council in a most respectful way, to use the power vested in them by law to prevent the women of the "segregated district" (just closed) from moving into the residential districts of the city of El Paso.

A few days ago the chief of police was quoted by one of the local papers as saying that the women referred to will be made to leave the city or "take up their residence in the district set aside, down near the river." We do not know that this statement has been denied; on the contrary, we are informed that one house has already been established on Santa Fe street, and our committee has investigated a rooming house where all the good tenants who were living in it (also on Santa Fe street) were asked to vacate in order to make room for several of the immoral women. Both of these rooming houses have saloons on the first floor.

If the city authorities do not consider and grant the petitions and resolutions presented to them; if they do not consider the voice of the people of El Paso as worthy of their consideration, we regret that we will have to take legal steps to protect the Mexican families from this humiliation. We expected to be spared the inconvenience and the expense of instituting law suits, but these does not seem to be any other way to keep these unfortunate women from locating themselves in the middle of the thickest populated district of the city, where now are living thousands of very humble, but good, honest, hard working people who have homes and a child all their own, and who naturally resent having a "neutral zone" created among their homes.

If a "neutral zone" ought to be established or tolerated in the city, let it be out of the residential districts.

Special Committee of the Alliance Hispano-Americana, Lodge No. 24.

P. E. Portillo, Chairman.

REPUBLICANS GAIN IN INDIANA; NEW LEADS RACE

Indianapolis, Ind., March 8.—With unofficial returns of Tuesday's primary in from almost half of the precincts Harry S. New today led in the race for the Republican nomination for United States senator with former congressman James E. Watson a close second. James P. Goodrich led Warren T. McCray and Quincy A. Myers for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. Unofficial returns from 1055 precincts give Goodrich 27,900, McCray 11,251, Myers 887.

Returns indicated an unusually heavy Republican vote and a falling off in the Democratic and progressive votes.

The ordinary cost of a Want Ad in the El Paso Herald is 25 cents. It reaches an average of about 100,000 readers each issue.

AN EMBARRASSING MOMENT



AN EMBARRASSING MOMENT
GETTING TURNED
DOWN IN FRONT OF
THE WHOLE GANG

ABE MARTIN

14 YEARS Ago Today

From The Herald of This Date, 1902.

The special train bearing the victims of the great wreck which occurred down the line of the G. H. railway yesterday arrived in the city last night with over 100 persons aboard. According to statistics of railway officials, at least 11 persons were killed and 49 seriously injured. Among those killed were engineer A. C. Mast and fireman Henry Bertsch.

Frank Powers left for Lordsburg, N. M., to look after his railroad contract.

G. H. Hutchings and John Bonham, mining men of Paria, arrived in the city on a visit.

Supl. Chief of the El Paso & Southern western left for Austin to be gone several days on business.

A. W. Gifford, secretary of the International Miners' association, left for Lordsburg, N. M., on business.

Frank E. McBride and Mrs. Frances A. Peck were married at the Methodist church by Rev. John F. Kellogg.

Miss Helen Russell entertained a number of her friends most delightfully at her home on Adams street.

On Friday evening a few friends were entertained by Miss Evelyn Martin at her home on North Campbell street.

Settling Up

IF EVERY man would pay his bills, just when those bills are due, we'd sidestep many grievous ills which now make people blue. The merchant carries on his books about a million debts, and some who figure there are crooks, and some misfortune's pets. Some hope to play the honest game when they have got the tin, and it may be they'll do that same, soon as their ships come in. But some ships travel mighty slow, of winds and waves the sport; come hit the reef of Norman's Woe, and never come to port. The merchants have to charge us more for everything they sell, to cover the defaulter's score, and hence H. C. of L. Whenever you buy a pound of pills, or quart of pumpkin rind, you're paying something on the bills of those who are behind. If you, who read these simple runes, would pay your bills on time, you'd help to cut the price of prunes, and make your life sublime.

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